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SUBJ: TRAVEL REFUSALS: BIROBIDZHAN, GOMEL', AND BRYANSK

1. MFA PROTOCOL DIVISION (SHAMARIN) INFORMED EMBASSY AUGUST 30 THAT BIROBIDZHAN PORTION (BY CAR) OF MOSCOW-KHABAROVSK-BIROBIDZHAN-KHABAROVSK-MOSCOW TRAVEL (REST BY AIR) OF ASST. AG. ATAACHE HUTH AND TEMPORARY EMBASSY EMPLOYEE WAAMAKER COULD NOT BE PERFORMED BECAUSE BIROBIDZHAN IS CLOSED. WHEN QUERIED WHETHER THIS WAS PERMANENT OR TEMPORARY CLOSURE, SHAMARIN SAID PERMANENT. (EMBASSY PLANS TO QUESTION THIS POINT AGAIN WITH OTHER OFFICIALS IN PROTOCOL DIVISION, SINCE SHAMARIN IN PAST HAS MADE MISTAKES AND BEEN SUBSEQUENTLY OVERRULED.)

2. LATER SAME DAY, SHAMARIN CALLED TO SAY THAT KIEV-OREL PORTION OF ODESSA-KIEV-GOMEL'-BRYANSK-OREL-MOSCOW TRAVEL (ALL BY CAR) OF FIRST SECRETARY KAMMAN AND EMBASSY GUEST CURTIS (BROTHER-IN-LAW) WOULD HAVE TO BE PERFORMED DIRECTLY ALONG INTOURIST HIGHWAY RATHER THAN VIA GOMEL' AND BRYANSK, WHICH WAS "INAPPROPRIATE ROUTE"

3. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS DEPARTMENT SEEK SUITABLE CANDIDATES IN WASHINGTON FOR RETALIATION.

4. EMBASSY WILL SUBMIT BY SEPTTEL RECOMMENDATION FOR DEALING
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WITH GENERAL PROBLEM OF CAR TRAVEL.

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